

THERAPY SERVICES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Medicaid Commissioner's Conference Room
Cabinet for Health & Family Services
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky
September 6, 2016
8:30 a.m.**

The meeting of the Therapy Services Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Beth Ennis, Chair.

The TAC members in attendance: Beth Ennis, Charlie Workman (telephonically), Linda Derossett (telephonically), Bethany Berry (telephonically), Jeff Holbrook (telephonically), and Leslie Sizemore (telephonically).

Medicaid staff in attendance: Charles Douglass, C.J. Jones, Jessica Jackson, Jeana Jolly, Ann Hollen and Kathy Terry.

Others in attendance: Kathleen Ryan, Anthem (telephonically); Mary Hiatt (telephonically), Humana-CareSource; Dell Frazee and Steve Houghland, Passport; Pat Russell and Jessica Jamison, WellCare; Laura Crowder, Aetna Better Health; Scott Sageser, Associates in Pediatric Therapy; Pam Marshall (telephonically).

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES:

There were no changes or corrections to the minutes. Dr. Ennis accepted the minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (a) Need for new evaluation in clients moving from Waiver to traditional Medicaid coverage: Mr. Douglass confirmed that a new evaluation would not be required if the member is continuing with the same provider.
- (b) New MD order required during this transition: Ms. Hollen confirmed that a new doctor's order would not be required during the transition from Waiver to traditional Medicaid coverage.
- (c) ST 97535 – PM&R levels or in acute: Mr. Workman clarified and asked if this is a code by exception because it is listed as a PM&R code or is this a routine speech therapy CPT code that can be used for services. Ms. Jones stated that CPT Code 97535 is not on the current speech therapy fee schedule but DMS will look at adding this and will report back.
- (d) Electronic signatures – Response from Humana, Anthem, Passport: Mr. Houghland with Passport and Ms. Crowder with Aetna stated that the MCO's would accept electronic signatures. Ms. Hiatt with Humana will have to report on this at the next meeting. Mr. Workman asked about the duration of scripts or referrals. Mr. Houghland will have to get clarification from the MCO's reimbursement team. Ms. Crowder said it would depend upon whether it's acute or chronic.
- (e) CON Update: The TAC members were provided an attachment to their emails clarifying the private office/clinic CON and licensure exemption that was written by the Office of Health Policy, and this clarification is posted on the three Association websites.
- (f) Status of no need for PA in fee-for-service: Mr. Douglass will cover this under New Business. Ms. Jones did state that requests should no longer be faxed or called to CareWise Health for dates of service beginning September 9, 2016.
- (g) Usage data – suggested codes list to CHFS: Dr. Ennis asked TAC members to email her specific billing codes that they would be interested in having data pulled on and she will forward them to Ms. Bates. Ms. Russell of WellCare provided a list of the top ten procedures billed in the second quarter of 2016, and Dr. Ennis will furnish this to the TAC.
- (h) Other: Ms. Derossett was unable to open the minutes up and Dr. Ennis will forward them to her in a different format.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) Info from CHFS – see attachments: Mr. Douglass reviewed the highlights from the PowerPoint concerning the Medicaid fee-for-service therapy changes effective September, 2016. Dr. Ennis will furnish this to KPTA, KOTA and KSHA to distribute to membership.
- (b) Denials from eviCore/WellCare on children – update from WellCare: Ms. Russell stated that a meeting had

been scheduled with their corporate partners and eviCore, but due to weather conditions in Tampa, Florida, the meeting was cancelled and is rescheduled for September 7th and she will report back to the TAC. Mr. Houghland stated he cannot specifically speak to this issue without having examples to review, but he would be willing to work with members of the TAC to develop guidelines to be used in Kentucky.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Sageser noted that prior authorizations are running two to three weeks behind at this practice. Mr. Douglass stated that CareWise is supposed to have a turnaround time policy and he will check on this. Ms. Jones stated that HPE has three business days to process and render a determination for an incoming initial request.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAC: The issue concerning eviCore and WellCare will be forwarded to the MAC for an update.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting date is Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., location to be determined.

(Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 21st day of September, 2016.)